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Clark Clifford Endorsed

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES.

I have just had the opportunity to read the editorial in your issue of April 29 entitled "Cloudy Intelligence." I cannot share your view that Clark Clifford is an inappropriate chairman for the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

As retiring chairman, I joined with other members of the board in recommending him to the Presi-

dent for his post after observing his effective participation as a mem-

ber for two years. He has consistently and ably supported the highest standards of objectivity for our intelligence services. He has staunchly supported the independence of the board and its tough-minded insistence that it be fully informed and free of political or policy influence—an insistence that has been unfailingly honored.

I am sure that the other seven members of the board would not remain associated with it if they did not have full confidence that as chairman he would adhere completely to these high standards.

They gladly remain, and I, too, would be happy to serve under his chairmanship were I able to be a continuing member.

J. L. KILLIAN JR.
Cambridge, Mass. May 8, 1963

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